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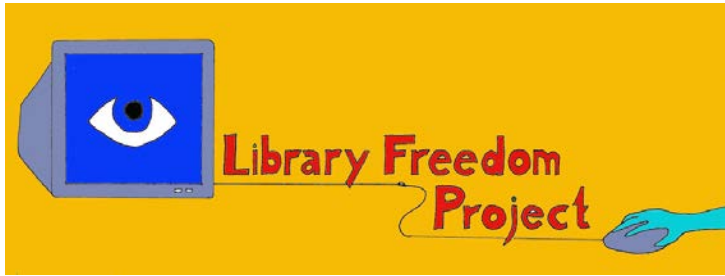
Protecting Patrons' Privacy

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Preface

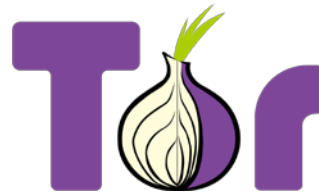




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Privacy

An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights

Introduction

Privacy is essential to the exercise of free speech, free thought, and free association. The courts have established a [First Amendment](#) right to receive information in a publicly funded library.¹ Further, the courts have upheld the right to privacy based on the Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution.² Many states provide guarantees of privacy in their constitutions and statute law.³ Numerous decisions in case law have defined and extended rights to privacy.⁴

In a library (physical or virtual), the right to privacy is the right to open inquiry without having the subject of one's interest examined or scrutinized by others. Confidentiality exists when a library is in possession of personally identifiable information about users and keeps that information private on their behalf.⁵ Confidentiality extends to "information sought or received and resources consulted, borrowed, acquired or transmitted" (*ALA Code of Ethics*), including, but not limited to: database search records, reference questions and interviews, circulation records, interlibrary loan records, information about materials downloaded or placed on "hold" or "reserve," and other personally identifiable information about uses of library materials, programs, facilities, or services.

Protecting user privacy and confidentiality has long been an integral part of the mission of libraries. The ALA has affirmed a right to privacy since 1939.⁶ Existing ALA policies affirm that confidentiality is crucial to freedom of inquiry.⁷ Rights to privacy and confidentiality also are implicit in the [Library Bill of Rights'](#) guarantee of free access to library resources for all users.⁸



Web tracking has become a privacy time bomb

By Byron Acohido, USA TODAY

Updated 8/4/2011 1:11 AM



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LAS VEGAS — The coolest free stuff on the Internet actually comes at a notable price: your privacy.



By Sam Ward, USA TODAY

For more than a decade, tracking systems have been taking note of where you go and what you search for on the Web — without your permission. And today many of the personal details you voluntarily divulge on popular websites and social networks are being similarly tracked and analyzed.

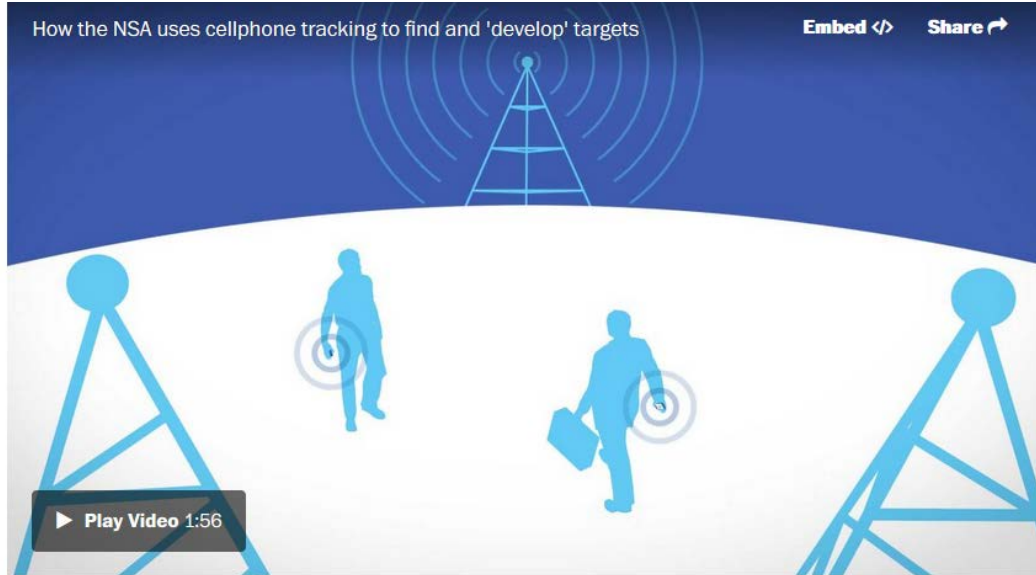
The purpose for all of this online snooping is singular: Google, Microsoft, Yahoo, Apple, Facebook and others are intent on delivering more relevant online ads to each and every one of us — and bagging that advertising money.





National Security

NSA tracking cellphone locations worldwide, Snowden documents show



Video: The National Security Agency gathers location data from around the world by tapping into the cables that connect mobile networks globally and that serve U.S. cellphones as well as foreign ones.



Cyber-Safe

Your Samsung TV is eavesdropping on your private conversations

by David Goldman @DavidGoldmanCNN

February 10, 2015: 6:38 AM ET



The camera in your TV is watching you



Internet of Shit

@internetofshit

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An INTERNET CONNECTED TEDDY BEAR was hacked and kids' voice messages are being held to ransom



Internet of Things Teddy Bear Leaked 2 Million Parent an...

A company that sells "smart" teddy bears leaked 800,000 user account credentials—and then hackers locked it and held it for ransom.

motherboard.vice.com

RETWEETS

1,551

LIKES

1,202



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Privacy & Surveillance


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Privacy
Toolkit

ALA's extensive [First Amendment](#), liberty and privacy principles guide the association's work in the federal legislative and policy arenas as well as at the state and local levels in order to protect personal privacy based upon a long standing commitment to patron privacy. Advancing the library community's principles to protect patron confidentiality requires major grassroots work from the library community to promote library priorities in these environments. There are several parts of ALA that work on these important issues.

Since 2015-2016, the Intellectual Freedom Committee passed several bills





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LITA advocates for and participates in the adoption of legislation, policies, technologies and standards that promote equitable access to information and technology.

Privacy

Library Privacy Checklists

This set of seven checklists is intended to help libraries of all capacities take practical steps to implement the principles that are laid out in the [ALA Library Privacy Guidelines](#). Each checklist is organized into three priority groups. Priority 1 are actions that hopefully all libraries can take to improve privacy practices. Priority 2 and Priority 3 actions may be more difficult for libraries to implement depending on their technical expertise, available resources, and organizational structure.

These checklists were created by a group of volunteers from the [LITA Patron Privacy Interest Group](#) and the [ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee's Privacy Subcommittee](#).

1. [Overview](#)
2. [Data Exchange Between Networked Devices and Services](#)
3. [E-book Lending and Digital Content Vendors](#)
4. [Library Management Systems / Integrated Library Systems](#)
5. [Library Websites, OPACs, and Discovery Services](#)
6. [Public Access Computers and Networks](#)
7. [Students in K-12 Schools](#)



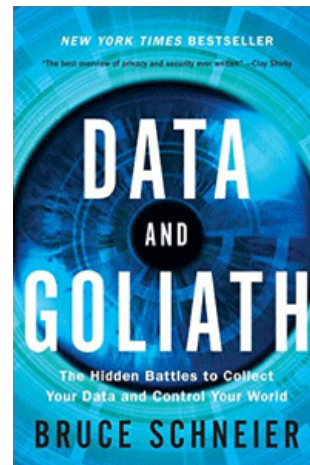
Overview

- Does privacy matter?
- Classes: Protecting Yourself Online
- Our Systems
- Third Parties



Bruce Schneier

- Internationally renowned security technologist
- *Data and Goliath* (and many others)
- schneier.com
- @schneierblog



What if Privacy is Compromised?

- Identity Theft
- Harassment by Government
- Unintended Consequences



Internet Risks

- Web tracking
- Free services sell your data.
- Oversharing
- Misunderstanding privacy settings
- Changes in privacy policies
- Security compromise



Classes for the Public



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Public Classes

- Web safety 101
- More advanced topics
 - Choice of browser
 - Privacy Badger
 - TOS;DR
 - NoScript
 - HTTPS Everywhere
 - Tor Browser
 - Signal
 - VPNs
 - Password managers
 - Two-factor authentication
 - Private email providers
 - Private search engines
 - Lying



Choice of Browser

- Who do you trust?
- Security features of Chrome
 - Safe Browsing
 - Sandboxing
 - Auto updates



Privacy Badger

- Add-on for Firefox and Chrome
- From Electronic Frontier Foundation
- Blocks third-party trackers
- You can override it.



Privacy Badger detected 40 potential [trackers](#) on this page. These sliders let you control how Privacy Badger handles each one. You shouldn't need to adjust them unless something is broken.

match.adsrvr.org

aax.amazon-adsystem.com

bat.bing.com

mab.chartbeat.com

ping.chartbeat.net

static.chartbeat.com

Disable Privacy Badger for This Site

Did Privacy Badger break this site? Let us know!

Donate to EFF



Terms of Service; Didn't Read

- Add-on for Firefox, Chrome, Safari, and Opera
- Gives a summary and sometimes a class
- A play on “TL;DR”



Terms of Service; Didn't Read

- Only some major web sites
<https://tosdr.org/index.html#services>



The image shows a browser window with the Google homepage. A large 'Terms of Service Didn't Read' overlay is positioned on the right side of the page. The overlay has a title bar with the Google logo and the text 'Terms of Service Didn't Read'. Below the title bar, there is a section labeled 'CLASS C' with an orange background, followed by a paragraph of text. The text discusses Google's data collection practices and privacy policies. There are three main paragraphs of text in the overlay, each starting with a small icon of a document with a speech bubble. The first paragraph is under the 'CLASS C' label. The second paragraph starts with 'Google keeps your searches and other identifiable user information for an undefined period of time' and includes a link to 'Discussion'. The third paragraph starts with 'Google collects a lot of information about the services you use and how you use them...' and also includes a link to 'Discussion'. The fourth paragraph starts with 'This service tracks you on other websites' and includes a link to 'Discussion'. The background of the browser shows the Google logo and a search bar.

Google

https://www.google.com

Search

Terms of Service Didn't Read

CLASS C The terms of service are okay but some issues need your consideration.

Google keeps your searches and other identifiable user information for an undefined period of time [Discussion](#)

Google collects a lot of information about the services you use and how you use them, including when you visit a website using a Google service for advertisement. In the past, Google stated in their Privacy Policy: *"We strike a reasonable balance between the competing pressures we face, such as the privacy of our users, the security of our systems and the need for innovation. We believe anonymizing IP addresses after 9 months and cookies in our search engine logs after 18 months strikes the right balance"*. Today, these limitations of time are gone from the Privacy Policy, although [some pages](#) still acknowledge this. So we must conclude that Google has decided to stop trying to find the right balance between privacy of users and their own needs.

This service tracks you on other websites [Discussion](#)

This service uses cookies to track you even if you are not interacting with them



NoScript


- Add-on for Firefox
- Blocks Javascript, Java, Flash, etc.
- Default whitelist very short
- Whitelist or temporarily allow a site
- Provides other defenses



Sign up | Tumblr

https://www.tumblr.com

Search Tumblr



Terms Privacy Jobs Support

Posted by [butterplanet](#)

Scripts Currently Forbidden | <SCRIPT>: 27 | <OBJECT>: 2

- Temporarily allow tumblr.com
- Allow tumblr.com**
- Untrusted >
- Recently blocked sites >
- Blocked Objects >
- Temporarily allow all this page
- Allow all this page
- Allow Scripts Globally (dangerous)
- Options...
- About NoScript 5.0.1...



HTTPS Everywhere

- Add-on for Firefox, Chrome, and Opera
- Takes you to secure version of site if there is one (for many sites)
- Free, open source
- Developed by EFF and Tor Project



HTTPS Ensures

- Confidentiality
- Authenticity
- Integrity



HTTPS Does not Protect

- DNS requests
- Domain names
- How long you're on the site
- The relative size of user input
 - Per <https://https.cio.gov/faq/>



Not Just for Logging In

- Easier now
- Cheaper now (even free)
- Use it for everything
- EFF “What Every Librarian Needs to Know About HTTPS”



The image shows a browser window displaying the Google homepage. The address bar shows the URL <https://www.google.com>. The Google logo is centered on the page, with a search input field below it. Two buttons, "Google Search" and "I'm Feeling Lucky", are positioned below the search field. In the top right corner, a menu is open, titled "Enable / Disable Rules". The menu items are: "Google", "Google.com Subdomains", "Google APIs", "Disable HTTPS Everywhere", "Reset to Defaults", "View All Rules", "Block all unencrypted requests", "Show Counter", "Donate to EFF", "SSL Observatory Preferences", and "About HTTPS Everywhere".





Travel +

Travel



- Enable / Disable Rules
- Chartbeat.net
 - adsrvr.org (partial)
 - Undertone.com (partial)
 - Criteo (partial)
 - Amazon-Adsystem.com (partial)
 - Fastly.net (partial)
 - Facebook.net
 - Gigya.com (partial)
 - Cloudfront.net
 - ScorecardResearch.com
 - IMR Worldwide.com
 - Livefyre.com (partial)
 - Bing.com
 - Outbrain.com (partial)
 - Google Services Simple
 - KrxD.net
 - Rubicon Project.com
 - Chartbeat.com (partial)
 - Sharethrough.com (partial)
 - Optimizely



Tor Browser

- Web browser
- Routes traffic through Tor network
- Keeps secret what sites you visit
- Keeps sites from knowing your location
- Lets you access blocked sites



Tor Browser

- Based on same code as Firefox
- For Windows, Mac, Linux
- Portable (no need to install)
- Includes NoScript and HTTPS Everywhere

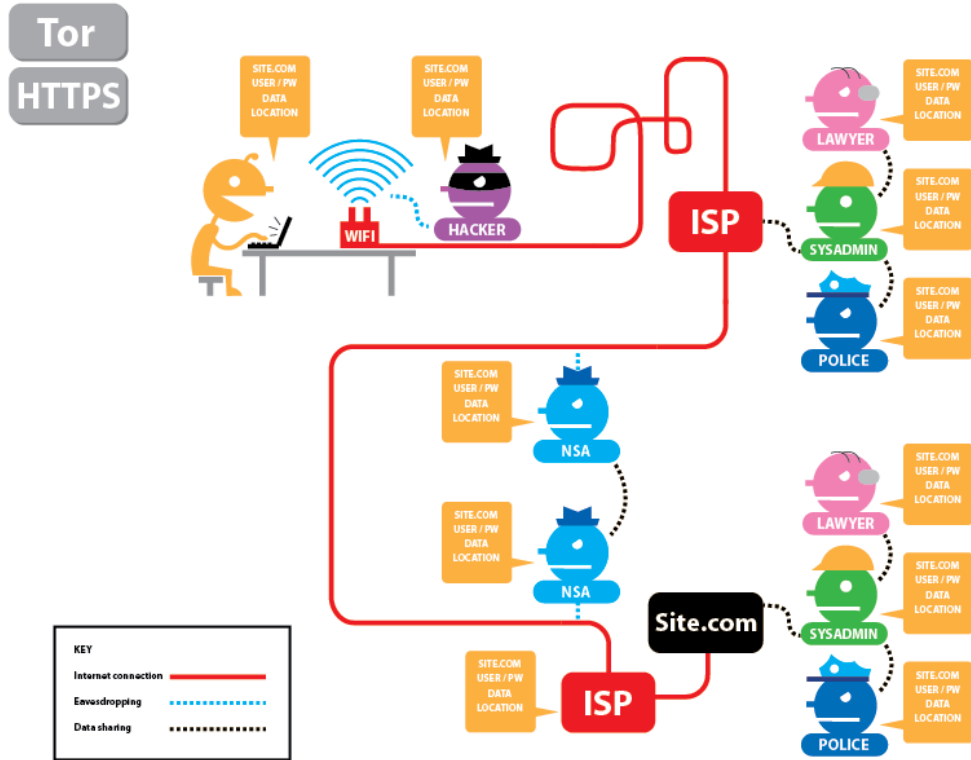


Tor Browser

- Slightly slower
- Be careful with banking or shopping sites



EFF Tor and HTTPS



<https://www.eff.org/pages/tor-and-https>



Encrypt Your Email

- Nope



Signal

- Android, iOS; Chrome app
- Encrypts calls and texts
- From Open Whisper Systems



Choosing a Email Provider

- Such as Riseup.net
- Encrypted end-to-end
- Doesn't log your IP address
- Maybe two-factor authentication



Virtual Private Networks (VPNs)

- Shields your traffic from your ISP
- Good if you're on a public wireless network



Password Managers

- Create super-secure passwords for you
- You supply one master password
- LastPass
- 1Password
- Start small



Two-Factor Authentication (2FA)

- Requires a password and something else
- Example: You get a text with a code to type in
- Many services support this



Choosing a Search Engine

- DuckDuckGo.com
- StartPage.com



False Information

- Give a fake date of birth?
- Usually breaks the terms of service



System Administration



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The Essentials

- Principle of Least Privilege
- Keep OS, software, firmware up to date
- Password policies
- Server “hardening”
- Physical security
- Encrypt sensitive data



Library Policies

- LITA checklist 1
- Don't collect more info than you need
- Don't keep it longer than you need
- Sharing of information
- Requests from law enforcement



Setup of Public Computers

- Tor Browser
- Chrome and Firefox add-ons, disabled
 - Privacy Badger
 - HTTPS Everywhere
 - NoScript
- Desktop link to instructions & other privacy info



Setup of Public Computers

- Deep Freeze or similar
- Logs in Cassie or similar
- Privacy screens



Setup of Public Wifi

- Open vs. secure
- Isolation mode
- Logs



The Weakest Link: People

- Social engineering
- *How to Disappear* by Frank Ahearn



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Other Sessions

- Security and Compliance Primer for Innovative Libraries
- Maintaining Sierra Passwords and Privacy



Password Policies

- Require a new user to change password
- Maximum password age
- Complexity requirements
- Password history requirement
- Block after x unsuccessful attempts
- Can exempt certain users



User Permissions

- Apply the principle of least privilege



Limit Data Collected

- Consider adult or juvenile instead of birth date
- Is it necessary to collect a given piece of information?



Dangers of Having Data

- Data theft / hacking
- Government
- Accidents
- Staff



Limit Data Retention Period

- Specified in data retention policy
- Delete old patron records
- Delete long-billed items
- Delete ILL records



Circ Transaction File

- Details of checkouts, etc.
- In Sierra, access through SQL
- Defaults to two weeks
- Can be changed



WebPac and Encore

- Use HTTPS
- Require a PIN
- Allow patrons to change PIN
- Reading history



Notices

- Delete Teleforms history after gathering stats
- Don't leave a detailed phone message
- Secure mailers



Email Notices

- “Email is a post card.”
- Not encrypted
- Includes home address?
- Includes title?
- CC feature



Other Things We Email

- Preferred Searched notifications (with titles)
- Other?



An Alternative to Email?

- Mobile app?
 - With notifications
 - With preferred search capability



Patron API (URL)

- Request a URL
<http://yourlibrary.org:4500/PATRONAPI/9999999999999999/dump>
<https://yourlibrary.org:54620/PATRONAPI/9999999999999999/dump>
- Get over three dozen fields, including
 - Name
 - Address
 - Phone number
 - Date of birth
 - PMESSAGE
 - Money Owed
 - Notes



Securing Paton API

- Have Innovative remove some variable-length fields (maybe address, phone number, date of birth, notes)
- Use only HTTPS
 - Don't give out the HTTP address
 - Use Limit Network Access and/or your firewall



Limit Network Access

- Patron API: HTPATAPI
- Patron API HTTPS: HTPATAPISSL
- “Local” address: First 3 octets the same (192.168.0._)
- Logs successes and failures



Firewall

- Don't allow access to port 4500
- Restrict access to HTTPS port by IP address



Third Parties



Third Parties

- Library sends patron data to them
- Patrons give them their data
- Can track patrons' searching and reading
- Can track patrons' web use
- Can track patrons through app on phones or tablets

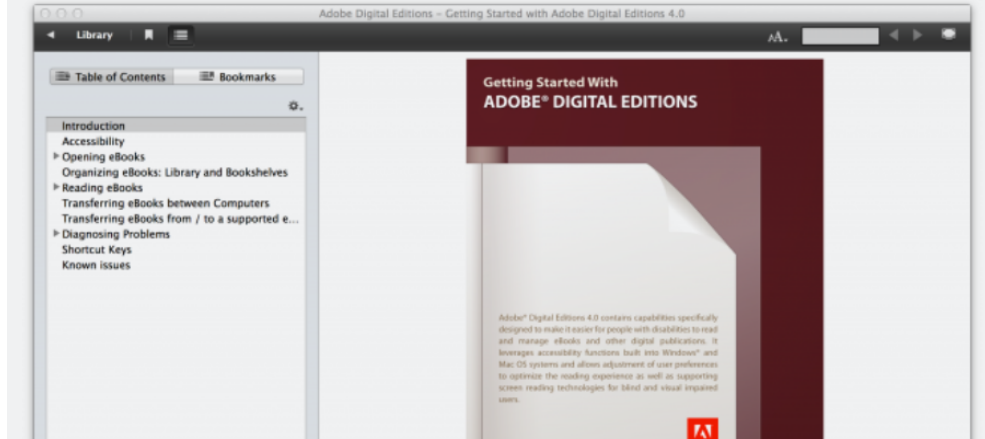


RISK ASSESSMENT —

Adobe's e-book reader sends your reading logs back to Adobe—in plain text [Updated]

Digital Editions even tracks which pages you've read. It might break a New Jersey Law.

SEAN GALLAGHER - 10/7/2014, 7:00 PM



<https://arstechnica.com/security/2014/10/adobes-e-book-reader-sends-your-reading-logs-back-to-adobe-in-plain-text/>



Library Checklist 3: Top Priorities

- Link to company's privacy policy
- Try for opt-in collection of personal data
- Help patrons manage their privacy
- If data breach, notify patrons and help them mitigate damage



Library Checklist 3: 2nd Priorities

- Add privacy considerations to vendor selection criteria
- Think about privacy when reviewing agreements
 - Should comply with all laws
 - Library retains ownership of data
 - Patrons can access, correct, delete data about them



Library Checklist 3: 3rd Priorities

- Review agreements with current vendors
- Review vendors' data governance plans
 - Patron consent
 - Data security
 - Encryption
 - Anonymization



Library Checklist 3: 3rd Priorities

- Review vendors' data governance plans
 - Retention
 - Dissemination / data sharing
 - Destruction
- Request regular privacy audits



Log In with Facebook

- What you've liked
- Birthday
- Hometown or current location
- Work history
- Friends list

<https://developers.facebook.com/docs/facebook-login/overview/>



Cloud Software and Patron Data

- G Suite (Gmail, Google Docs, etc.)
- Dropbox
- Anything else with patron data



Cloud Software and Patron Data

- Innovative Interfaced, Inc.
- ISO 27001 certified
- Information security standard
- For their hosted and cloud infrastructure



Other



Something Else You Could Do

- Provide Tor relay or exit nodes
 - Kilton Public Library (Lebanon, New Hampshire)
 - University of Western Ontario



Summary



Conclusion



Questions?

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